

## House Resolution No. 825

**Whereas**, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of buildings, structures, or areas that illuminate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

**Whereas**, serving as a focus in the fight against abandoning and destroying an area's historical, social, and educational significance, Carson Gardner will receive a prestigious Preserve Missouri Award from Missouri Preservation (the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation) at a special recognition ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 27, 2008; and

**Whereas**, Carson Gardner has earned the Preserve Missouri Award in light of his renovation of the Oaks Apartments in Excelsior Springs, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, originally known as the Snapp's Hotel/Oaks, the structure was heavily damaged by fire in 1991; and

**Whereas**, the Oaks Apartments were originally built in 1907 and rebuilt in 1913 by James W. Snapp, who came to Excelsior Springs when news of the area's healing mineral waters spread nationwide; and

**Whereas**, Carson Gardner put together a package to revitalize the structure and save it from demolition with the help of a development team that included Tim Wilson of Wilson and Duncan Architects; and

**Whereas**, Carson Gardner preserved interior elements, such as terrazzo floors and the original woodwork, and rebuilt upper floors to resemble the former hotel through the use of old photographs; and

**Whereas**, Missouri Preservation was founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust to protect Missouri's irreplaceable historic resources by instilling a statewide preservation ethic through the "Missouri Preservation News", a web site, and partnership with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Natural Resources:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Carson Gardner and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his receipt of a well-deserved Missouri Preservation Preserve Missouri Award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Carson Gardner of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Nance  
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 825, adopted February 26, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker